

FAITH SUMMIT AGENDA: *From Sandwiches to Solutions*
February 18th, 2010

YMI Cultural Center, Asheville, North Carolina

Opening Remarks

9:00 AM

*David Nash, Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee Chair, Asheville Housing Authority
Councilmember Cecil Bothwell, Asheville City Council*

Presentations

9:30 AM

Asheville-Buncombe's Homeless Service System

Amy Sawyer, Homeless Initiative Coordinator, City of Asheville

Faith-Based Initiatives

Carol D. Jones, Faith-Based Liaison for the Department of Housing and Urban Development

Best Practices: Support Circle Program

Roberta Macauley, Support Circle Program Coordinator, Catholic Charities

Homeless Persons' Remembrance

11:45 AM

Eugene Zimbalkin, Human Rights Team, Unitarian Universalist Church of Asheville

Lunch

Noon

Networking with local agencies that help people experiencing housing crisis.

Breakout Groups

1:30 PM

Session A:

- ? Successes & Challenges in Our Community's Efforts to End Homelessness: *And how you can help!*
- ? Raleigh/Wake Support Circle Program: *A Closer Look*
- ? Staying Healthy While Helping Others: *What to do when your heart is big & your resources are limited*
- ? Homeless Children & Families in Schools: *Effects and resources*
- ? Local Initiatives: *Grassroots efforts by community members like you*

Session B:

- ? Partnerships Between Government and Faith Groups: *What types of funding are available?*
- ? Housing is the Solution: *Using Housing First techniques to end homelessness*
- ? Experiencing Homelessness – *Why does it happen, who does it happen to, and what is it like?*
- ? Support Services: *Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Health Care*
- ? Volunteering: *Meaningful ways to share your time, treasures, and talents*

Closing Remarks

3:30 PM

Robin Merrell, Author of the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness, Pisgah Legal Services